

## Proposed Bill No. 5266

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Referred to Committee on Planning and Development

Introduced by:

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## AN ACT CONCERNING THE TAKING OF PROPERTY BY EMINENT DOMAIN AND THE DUTIES OF THE OMBUDSMAN FOR PROPERTY RIGHTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That the general statutes be amended by amending (1) subsection (a) of section 8-193 of the general statutes to eliminate the ability of a 3 development agency to take real property by eminent domain for a 4 development project within the project area; (2) subsection (g) of 5 section 32-224 of the general statutes to eliminate the ability of an 6 implementing agency to condemn real property for a project in the development plan including condemnations for rights-of-way and 8 easements to and from the project area; (3) section 7-148(c)(3)(A) of the general statutes to eliminate the ability of a municipality to take real or 10 personal property for the purpose of encouraging private commercial 11 development or for a development project, as defined in section 8-187 12 of the general statutes; and (4) chapter 118 of the general statutes to 13 clarify the meaning of blighted and deteriorated property and that 14 sections 48-50 to 48-57, inclusive, and section 4-5 of the general statutes

- 15 concerning the Office of Ombudsman for Property Rights, be amended
- 16 to expand the duties of the office to include arbitration.

## Statement of Purpose:

To protect private property owners from having property seized by eminent domain for private development purposes and to expand the duties of the Office of Ombudsman for Property Rights to include arbitration.